

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

We have here an inexpensive easily installed means for preventing the growth of subsurface aquatic weeds. This is accomplished by positioning sheets of opaque plastic on the aquatic substrate held there by transverse weights integral with or attached to the plastic sheets; midway between these "weights" are appropriately sized and located ports in the plastic sheet, placed there for the purpose of permitting the escape of gases of decomposition; these decomposition gases being directed to the escape ports by the hold down means and the relative buoyancy of the sheet material. What differentiates this system from other sunlight blocking systems is the hold down means integral with the sunlight blocking means and positioned so as to direct the gases of decomposition to gas release ports.